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### REMARKS

In response to a telephone call from Examiner Patel, noting that the cancellation of claims 17 and 18 left claims 19-21 with no base claim, claim 19 has been rewritten in independent form, to include the limitations of claims 17 and 18, now canceled.

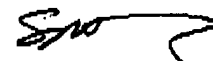
### CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,

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